



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shuey et al. :
Serial No.: 10/091,898 : Art Unit: 2833
Filed: March 6, 2002 : Examiner: Gilman, Alexander
For: CONNECTOR POSITION :
ASSURANCE DEVICE :

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1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate
- Amendment in response to Office Action dated November 26, 2003 (10 pgs.)
- Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant

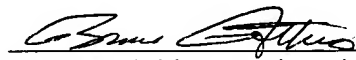
_____ claims small entity status.
 X is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
_____ third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) X No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

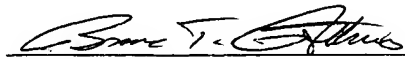
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$
 Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$.
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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

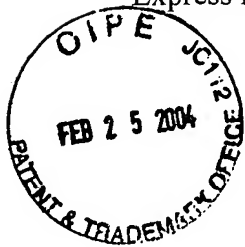
AND/OR

- X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. Other:


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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